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SUBJECT: AZORESINDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT

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1. WE DO NOT RPT NOT WISH GIVE CAMARA ANY ENCOURAGEMENT
RE U.S. SUPPORT FOR AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE. CAMARA'S
REQUEST FOR U.S. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO AZORES INDE-
PENDENCE MOVEMENT (PARA 4 REFTTEL) IS ESPECIALLY
TROUBLESOME AS IT IS LIKELY HE WILL TELL OTHERS THAT
HE IS EXPLORING THIS POSSIBILITY WITH USG AND CREATE IMPRE-
SSION THAT WE ARE SERIOUSLY ENTERTAINING PROPOSAL.

2. DEPT NOT RPT NOT INTERESTED IN MEETING WITH CAMARA
DURING HIS VISIT TO U.S. HOWEVER, IF HE INSISTS
UPON SUCH A MEETING, WE WILL APPLY GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR
CONTACTS WITH LIBERATION GROUPS; A) MEETING TO TAKE PLACE
IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK BUT NOT IN USG BUILDING.
B) CONTACT TO BE MADE AT LOWEST APPROPRIATE LEVEL
IN THIS CASE PORTUGUESE DESK OFFICER.

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3. IF YOU MEET AGAIN WITH CAMARA YOU MAY SAY THAT YOU
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM HIM THAT USG MUST REMAIN
NEUTRAL RE AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE AND THAT, UNDER NO
CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE CONSIDER PROVIDING FINANCIAL
SUPPORT FOR INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT. SHOULD HE PRESS YOU
ON MEETING WITH DEPT. OFFS, YOU SHOULD REPLY SUCH A

MEETING WILL NOT ALTER U.S. POLICY ON AZOREAN
INDEPENDENCE BUT, IF HE INSISTS, PORTUGUESE DESK
OFFICER PREPARED TALK WITH HIM. KISSINGER

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